

HEROES



CHAPTER 168 FROM THE FILES OF PRIMATECH

PART 3 of 8

1978

Worried about the potential of nuclear power in the hands of humans, The Company has placed safeguards in strategic places. This safeguard's name is Mindy Sprague, and it's her first day on the job on a small island in Pennsylvania.

Primatech case #475

Mindy Sprague-Tuesday, 1/3/78

One way to move up in the world:
Wait for crazy to go crazy, and
slip right into his shoes.

New year, new start, new everything.
This is what you wanted Mindy.

Since you guys are full of surprises, and
you "suggested" that I keep a journal, I will
say that it is so nice that last week, I was
packing for a life in the Rain forest, today
I'm in East Bumblefrick Pennsylvania.

ADAM MONROE

Londonderry Township,
Dauphin County, PA.—
Three Mile Island.

...but I am out of Indiana.
Sorta. Not as many
cornfields, but the
Susquehanna is NOT
exactly the Amazon.

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1978 PART ONE

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But this river seems to
have its own pest problem...

LOOK, MINNIE,
WE NEED TO
TALK.

IT'S
MINDY,
AL.

IT WAS "AL" THIS MORNING
WHEN I MET YOU.

THINGS
CHANGE; AS
WILL THIS
STUFF...
RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU THINK
YOU ARE...

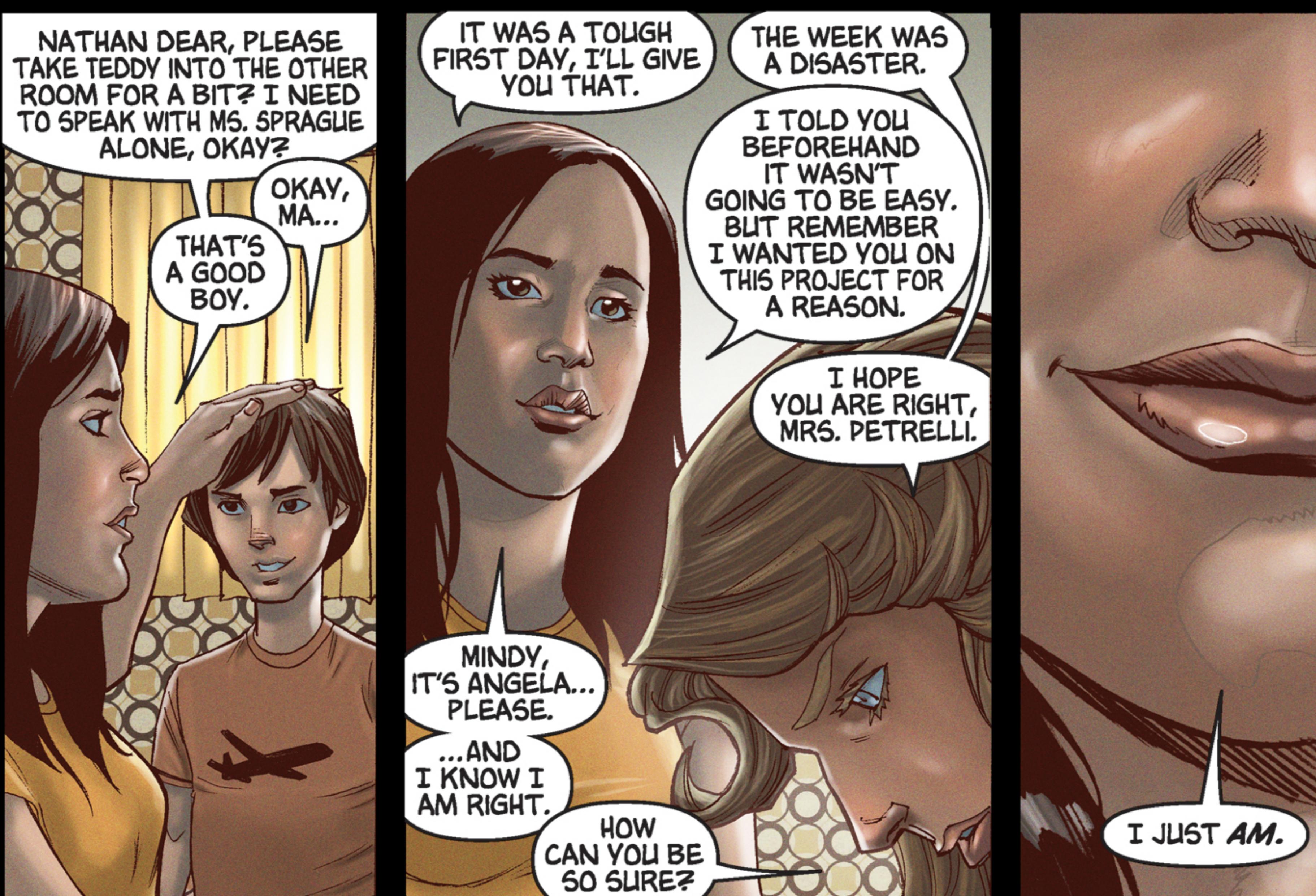
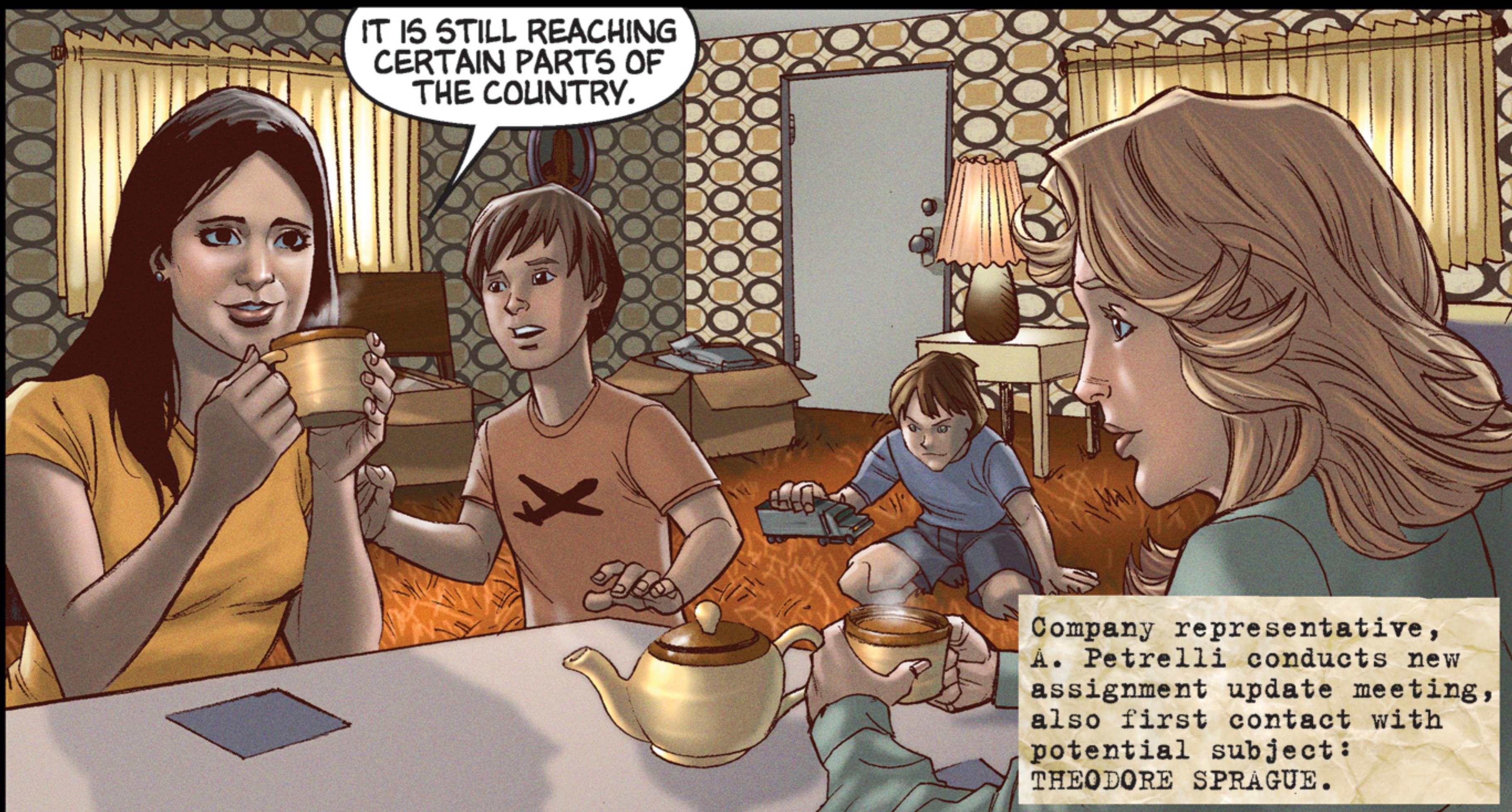
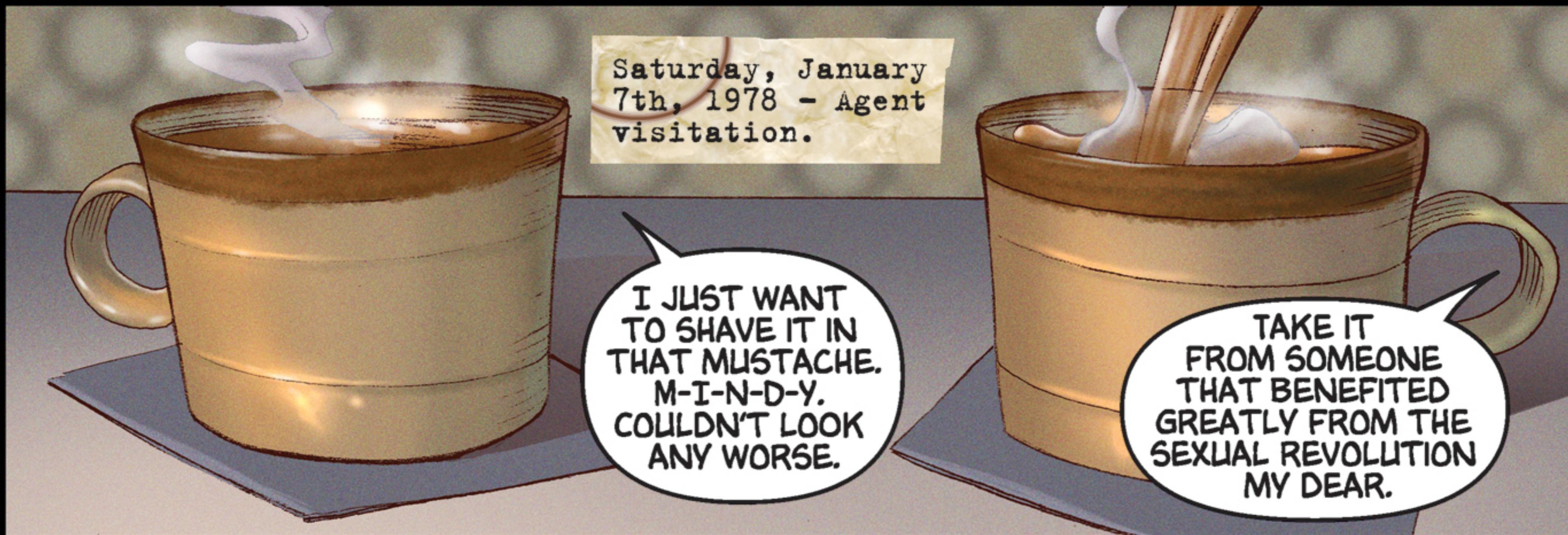
IT'S MY JOB.
MR. WASHBURN,
I WAS PUT HERE TO
CALL ATTENTION
TO SAFETY ISSUES
SUCH AS THIS.

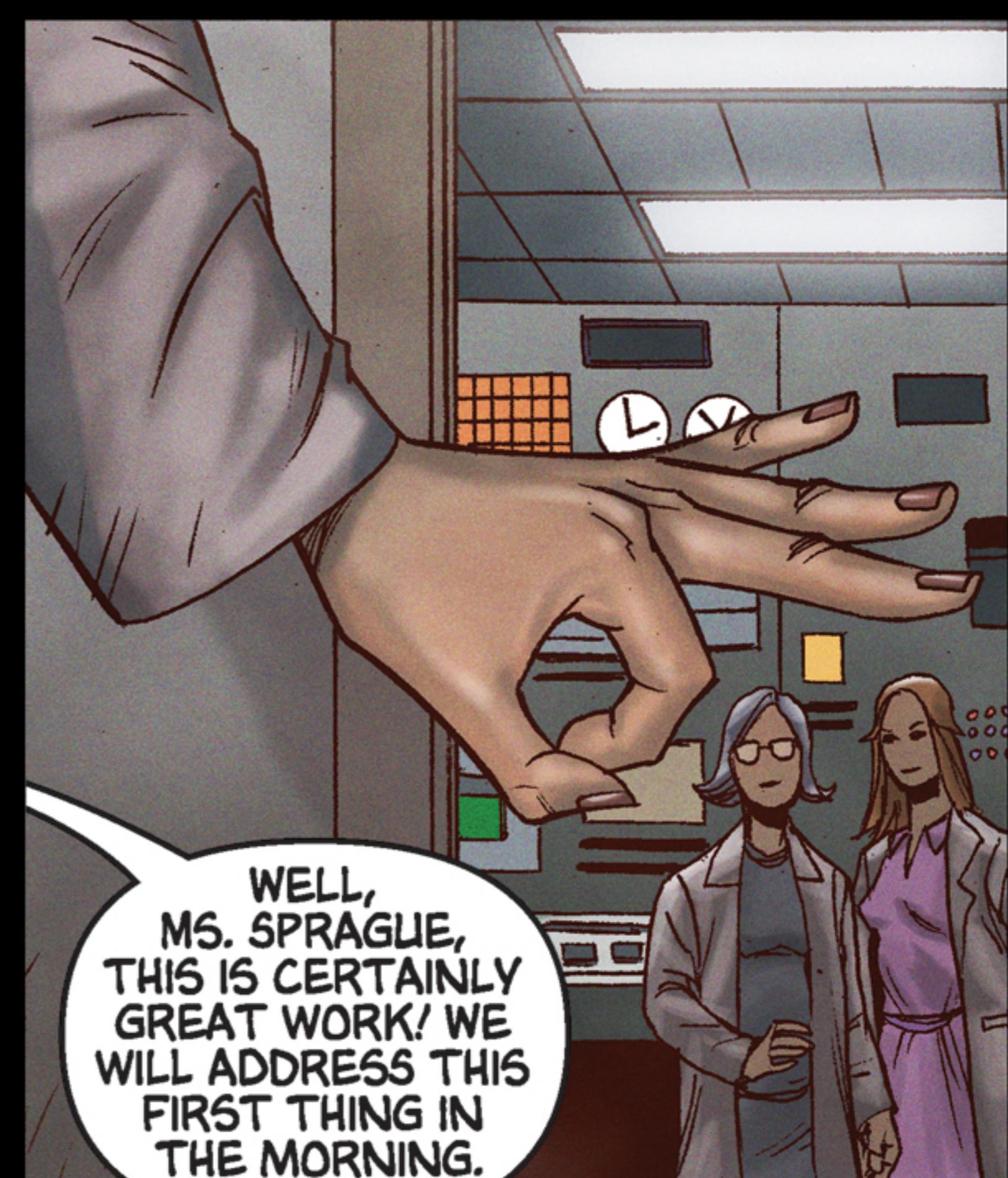
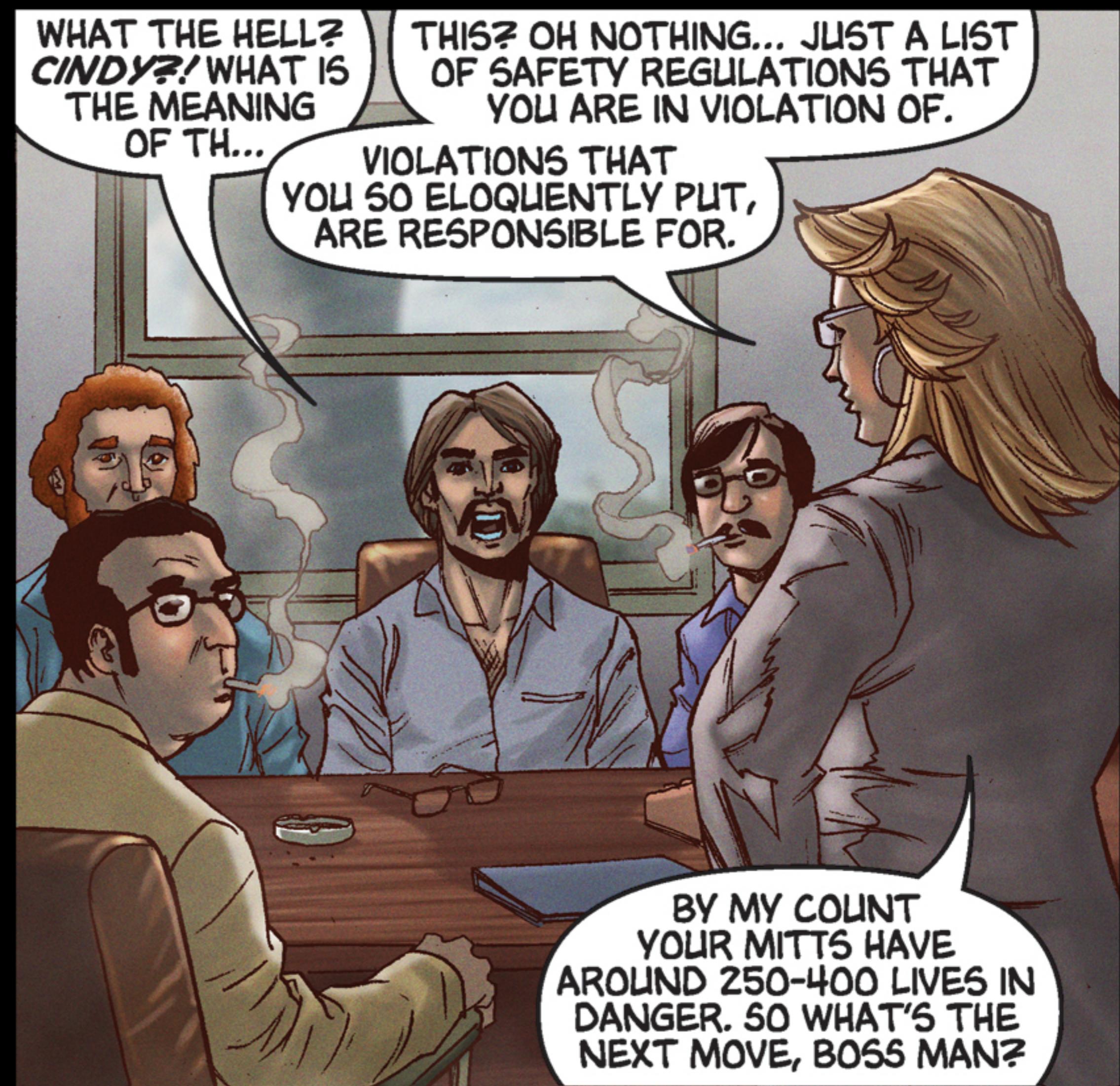
AND IT'S
MISTER
WASHBURN.

LOOK TOTSIE,
I DON'T CARE
WHAT
GOVERNMENT
SHILL PUT YOU
HERE...

...BUT TELL
WHOEVER IT IS THAT
THEY CAN KEEP THEIR
MITTS OUT OFF MY
POWER PLANT.
AS FOR
YOU, TAKE YOUR
MEDDLING BACK TO
THE HEN HOUSE.
WE DID JUST
FINE BEFORE YOU SHOWED
UP MANDY, AND WE WILL BE
JUST FINE WHEN YOU'RE GONE.

SLAM





Monday, February 6, 1978

I have always said there were only 2 great things that came out of my time in Los Angeles.

Number one of course is Teddy. My sweet Teddy bear... will never hurt a fly.

And number two is my appreciation of music.



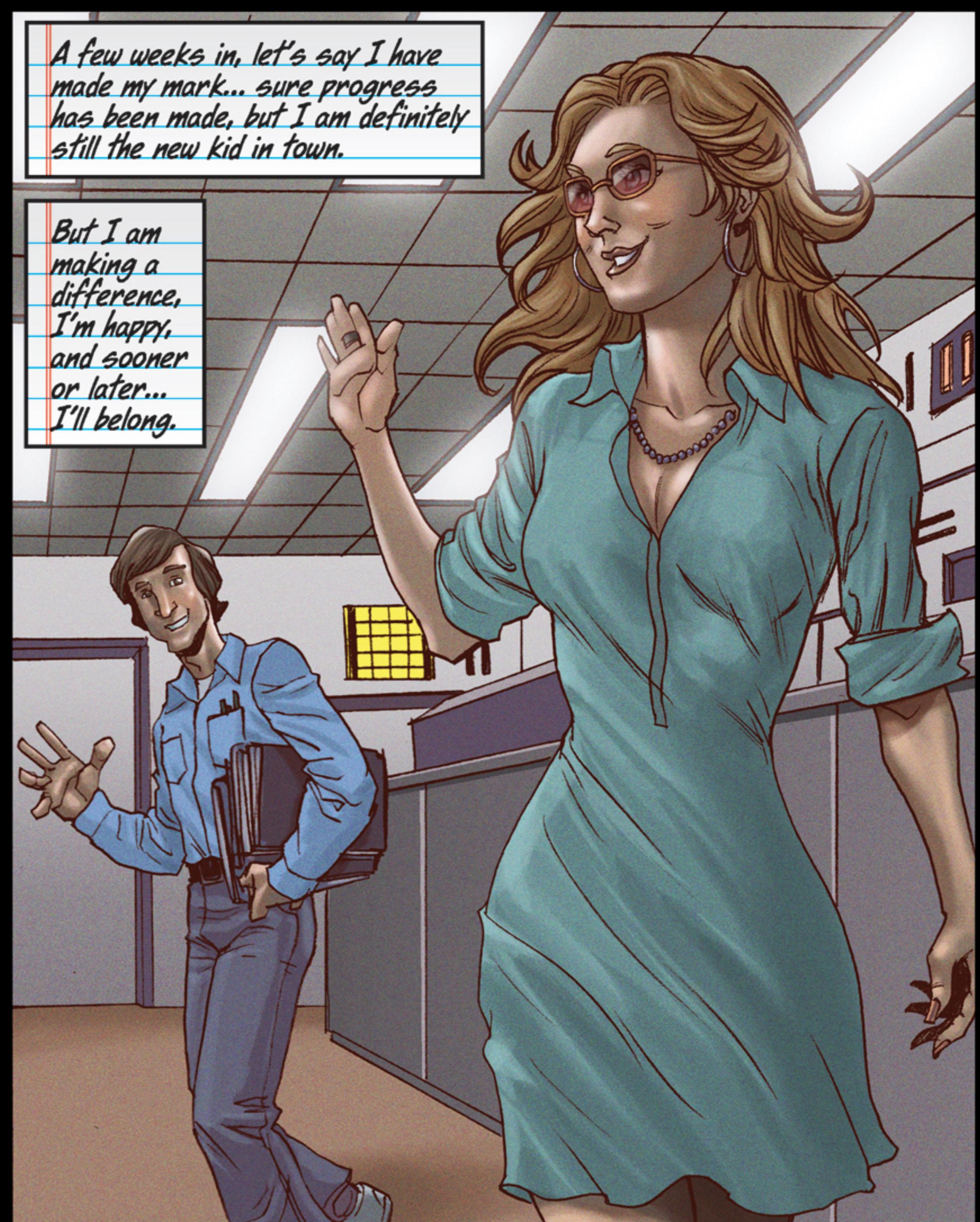
Dylan, Coolidge, The Stones... but I love the Eagles, I really do, and last year was an awesome year for them.

Sure you can pick "Hotel California" as their best effort. That's an easy one.

But in a year with a lot of Marvin Gaye, The Bee Gees, and *yawn* Stevie Wonder, one song, good ol' rock & roll has got me through this morning drive these past few weeks.



"New Kid In Town"



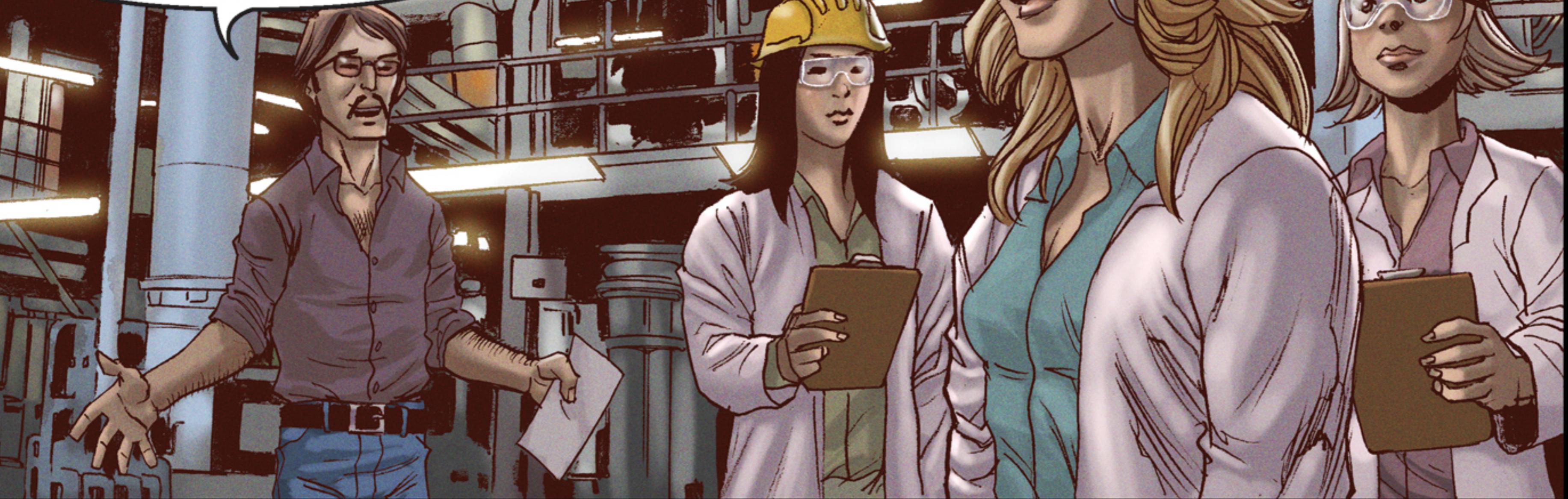
A few weeks in, let's say I have made my mark... sure progress has been made, but I am definitely still the new kid in town.

But I am making a difference, I'm happy, and sooner or later... I'll belong.

And speaking of Johnny come lately, not backing down, has made Al a pretty big Mindy fan.

HEY, SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR SAFETY CHECK ROUNDS, BUT I NEED A MINUTE PLEASE.

SURE AL... FOLKS, I'LL MEET UP WITH YOU AT 306.



I AM CONCERNED WITH THAT COOLANT PROBLEM WE HAVE IN 309.

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS; IT IS MOST LIKELY AN INDICATOR MALFUNCTION, THOSE READINGS DON'T MAKE SENSE. IT IS BEING REPLACED TODAY, IF THIS WAS REAL WE WOULD BE CLOSE TO A MEL...

MINDY! IT WAS REPLACED TODAY.

CODE RED. EVACUATE. NOW!

AL... GET OUT. NOW... GET EVERYONE OUT NOW!



It sounds silly, but that song keeps me up. And it keeps me calm. It's sort of empowering really.

"Great expectations...
everybody's watching you..."

"Even your old friends treat you like you're something new..."

"Johnny come lately,
the new kid in toooown..."

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"Everybody loves you..."

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"...so don't let them down"

TO BE CONTINUED.